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BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

June 02, 2015

The Honorable Board of Supervisors  
County of Los Angeles  
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration  
500 West Temple Street  
Los Angeles, California 90012

45 OF JUNE 2, 2015

Dear Supervisors:

  
PATRICK OGAWA  
ACTING EXECUTIVE OFFICER

### **COUNTY PARATRANSIT PROGRAM FUNDING FOR FISCAL YEAR 2015-16 (ALL SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICTS) (3 VOTES)**

#### **SUBJECT**

This action is to approve funding for the Paratransit Program for Fiscal Year 2015-16 in the unincorporated County and to authorize the Director of Public Works or her designee to negotiate and execute agreements to provide paratransit services.

#### **IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT THE BOARD:**

1. Find that the proposed Paratransit Program is statutorily exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act.
2. Approve continuation of paratransit services for eligible patrons in the unincorporated County in the five Supervisorial Districts for Fiscal Year 2015-16 at an estimated cost of \$3,544,000.
3. Authorize the Director of Public Works or her designee to negotiate and execute agreements for paratransit services for Fiscal Year 2015-16 as indicated: East San Gabriel/Altadena Paratransit Service provided by the City of Pasadena at a cost of \$300,000; La Crescenta/Montrose Paratransit Service provided by the City of Glendale at a cost of \$120,000; and the Rancho Research Institute Paratransit Service provided by the Rancho Research Institute at a cost of \$357,000.

4. Authorize the Director of Public Works or her designee to negotiate and execute an amendment to the current agreement with the City of Monrovia for the Mid-San Gabriel Paratransit Service to increase the funding by \$77,000 to fund the County's share of replacement vehicles for a total of \$352,000 for Fiscal Year 2015-16.

#### **PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION**

The purpose of the recommended actions is to approve continuation of paratransit services for eligible patrons of the unincorporated County in the five Supervisorial Districts and to authorize the Director of Public Works or her designee to negotiate and enter into new paratransit agreements with the Cities of Glendale and Pasadena, Rancho Research Institute, and to amend the existing agreement with the City of Monrovia to share the cost of replacement vehicles.

#### **Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals**

The Countywide Strategic Plan directs the provisions of Operational Effectiveness/Fiscal Sustainability (Goal 1) and Integrated Services Delivery (Goal 3). By providing paratransit services in a responsive manner to elderly and persons with disabilities, we improve the quality of life for our citizens.

#### **FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING**

There will be no impact to the County General Fund.

This action authorizes the disbursement of \$3,544,000 for the continuation of paratransit services for eligible patrons in the unincorporated County for Fiscal Year 2015-16. This Paratransit Program contains agreements with multiple-year terms. The only costs authorized by this action are the Fiscal Year 2015-16 program costs incurred under these agreements. Future costs under these agreements will be submitted for your approval as part of future fiscal years' paratransit programs. Each agreement includes a 30-day, no-fault clause for termination.

Three existing agreements will expire on June 30, 2015. This action authorizes the Director of Public Works or her designee to negotiate and enter into 1-year and multiple-year agreements to continue these three services for Fiscal Year 2015-16 expenditure of \$777,000. The three agreements are for the following paratransit services: East San Gabriel/Altadena Paratransit Service provided by the City of Pasadena at a cost of \$300,000; the La Crescenta/Montrose Paratransit Service provided by the City of Glendale at a cost of \$120,000; and the Rancho Research Institute Paratransit Service provided by the Rancho Research Institute at a cost of \$357,000, which includes \$10,000 for the purchase of a vehicle.

An existing agreement with the City of Monrovia for the Mid-San Gabriel Paratransit Service will be amended to increase the funding by \$77,000 to fund the County's share of replacement vehicles for a total of \$352,000 for Fiscal Year 2015-16.

Thirteen paratransit services will continue to operate under current agreements for Fiscal Year 2015-16 with a total of \$2,690,000. These services include: Agoura Hills Paratransit Service, Alondra Park/Del Aire Paratransit Service, Azusa/Glendora Paratransit Service, East Los Angeles Paratransit Service, Kagel Canyon Paratransit Service, Ladera Heights/Windsor Hills Paratransit Service, Lennox Paratransit Service, Marina del Rey Paratransit Service, Mid-San Gabriel Paratransit Service, Topanga Canyon Paratransit Service, West Carson Paratransit Service, Whittier et al. Paratransit Service, and the Willowbrook et al. Paratransit Service.

The necessary funds are available in each Supervisorial District's Proposition A Local Return Transit Program and included in the Fiscal Year 2015-16 Transit Enterprise Fund Budget. The enclosed list identifies the services with providers and each Supervisorial District's Fiscal Year 2015-16 budget amounts.

### **FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS**

The agreements are approved as to form by County Counsel prior to execution.

On January 4, 1983, the Board directed that funds for paratransit services should be provided from each Supervisorial District's allocation of the County's Proposition A Local Return Transit Program at the discretion of each supervisor. In Fiscal Year 1983-84 and in subsequent fiscal years, the Board approved paratransit services providing transportation opportunities for eligible patrons in the unincorporated County. Paratransit, also known as dial-a-ride, generally refers to curb-to-curb demand response transit services in which the patron calls to reserve a ride. This type of service is typically available to elderly and disabled persons. In some areas, it is also available to the general public.

### **ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION**

The proposed activity is statutorily exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act pursuant to Section 21080(b)(10) of the Public Resources Code. This exemption provides for the institution of passenger or commuter transit services on highway rights-of-way already in use.

### **CONTRACTING PROCESS**

The paratransit services for eligible patrons of the unincorporated County are provided primarily through participation in joint paratransit services with cities and other governmental agencies adjacent to unincorporated County areas and less frequently through contracts the County enters into with private (for-profit or nonprofit) transportation service providers.

Participation in joint paratransit services benefits the County by lowering service costs due to economies of scale, improving service to residents as a result of service coordination, and qualifying for subsidies provided through grants when available from the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority Proposition A Discretionary Incentive Grant Program. The Proposition A Discretionary Incentive Grant Program provides financial assistance to agencies that coordinate paratransit services across jurisdictional boundaries.

Most cities and other governmental agencies that partner with the County contract with private transportation service providers through a competitive selection and procurement process. The County's share of the cost of the service is proportionately based on the number of unincorporated County residents who use the service. A competitive procurement process is used when the County contracts directly with the transportation service provider.

**IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)**

This action provides for continuation of the current services. The approval of this action will not result in the displacement of any County employees.

**CONCLUSION**

Please return one adopted copy of this letter to the Department of Public Works, Programs Development Division.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Gail Farber".

GAIL FARBER

Director

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Enclosures

c: Chief Executive Office (Rochelle Goff)  
County Counsel  
Executive Office

**ALL SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICTS  
PARATRANSIT SERVICES  
FISCAL YEAR 2015-16**

| SERVICE AGREEMENTS<br>(NEWLY NEGOTIATED) | PROVIDER                               | MULTIPLE-YEAR<br>TERMS | AGREEMENT<br>EXPIRATION | 2015-16 BUDGET AMOUNT <sup>1</sup> |                 |                 |                 |                  |                  |
|--|--|------------------------|-------------------------|------------------------------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|------------------|------------------|
|  |  |                        |                         | TOTAL                              | FIRST           | SECOND          | THIRD           | FOURTH           | FIFTH            |
| East San Gabriel/Altadena                | City of Pasadena <sup>2</sup>          | 3-YEAR                 | 06/30/18                | \$300,000                          |                 |                 |                 |                  | \$300,000        |
| La Crescenta/Montrose                    | City of Glendale <sup>2</sup>          | 1-YEAR                 | 06/30/16                | \$120,000                          |                 |                 |                 |                  | \$120,000        |
| Rancho Research Institute                | Rancho Research Institute <sup>2</sup> | 1-YEAR                 | 06/30/16                | \$357,000                          | \$90,000        | \$62,000        | \$14,000        | \$184,000        | \$7,000          |
| <b>SUBTOTAL</b>                          |  |                        |                         | <b>\$777,000</b>                   | <b>\$90,000</b> | <b>\$62,000</b> | <b>\$14,000</b> | <b>\$184,000</b> | <b>\$427,000</b> |

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| <b>AMENDMENT<sup>4</sup><br/>(NEWLY NEGOTIATED)</b> |                               |        |          |                 |  |  |  |  |                 |
| Mid-San Gabriel                                     | City of Monrovia <sup>2</sup> | 1-YEAR | 06/30/16 | \$77,000        |  |  |  |  | \$77,000        |
| <b>SUBTOTAL</b>                                     |                               |        |          | <b>\$77,000</b> |  |  |  |  | <b>\$77,000</b> |

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| <b>SERVICE AGREEMENTS<br/>(EXECUTED IN PRIOR YEARS)</b> |  |                              |          |                    |                  |                  |                 |                  |                  |
| Agoura Hills  | City of Agoura Hills <sup>2</sup>          | 3-YEAR                       | 06/30/17 | \$70,000           |                  |                  | \$70,000        |                  |                  |
| Alondra Park/Del Aire                                   | City of Gardena <sup>2</sup>               | 4-YEAR                       | 06/30/16 | \$20,000           |                  | \$20,000         |                 |                  |                  |
| Azusa/Glendora  | City of Azusa <sup>2</sup>                 | 3-YEAR                       | 06/30/17 | \$116,000          | \$104,000        |                  |                 |                  | \$12,000         |
| East Los Angeles  | Empire Transportation, Inc. <sup>3</sup>   | 1-YEAR +<br>4 (1-YR) options | 06/30/18 | \$585,000          | \$585,000        |                  |                 |                  |                  |
| Kagel Canyon  | City of Los Angeles' Cityride <sup>2</sup> | 3-YEAR                       | 06/30/17 | \$6,000            |                  |                  |                 |                  | \$6,000          |
| Ladera Heights/Windsor Hills                            | City of Culver City <sup>2</sup>           | 3-YEAR                       | 06/30/17 | \$18,000           |                  | \$18,000         |                 |                  |                  |
| Lennox  | City of Inglewood <sup>2</sup>             | 4-YEAR                       | 06/30/18 | \$105,000          |                  | \$105,000        |                 |                  |                  |
| Marina del Rey  | City of Los Angeles' Cityride <sup>2</sup> | 3-YEAR                       | 06/30/17 | \$60,000           |                  |                  |                 | \$60,000         |                  |
| Mid-San Gabriel   | City of Monrovia <sup>2</sup>              | 4-YEAR                       | 06/30/16 | \$275,000          |                  |                  |                 |                  | \$275,000        |
| Topanga Canyon  | City of Los Angeles' Cityride <sup>2</sup> | 3-YEAR                       | 06/30/17 | \$24,000           |                  |                  | \$24,000        |                  |                  |
| West Carson   | City of Los Angeles' Cityride <sup>2</sup> | 3-YEAR                       | 06/30/17 | \$110,000          |                  | \$110,000        |                 |                  |                  |
| Whittier, et al.  | Empire Transportation, Inc. <sup>3</sup>   | 1-YEAR +<br>4 (1-YR) options | 06/30/18 | \$970,000          | \$194,000        |                  |                 | \$659,000        | \$117,000        |
| Willowbrook, et al.                                     | MV Transportation, Inc. <sup>3</sup>       | 3-YEAR +<br>2 (1-YR) options | 06/30/16 | \$331,000          | \$17,000         | \$314,000        |                 |                  |                  |
| <b>SUBTOTAL</b>   |  |                              |          | <b>\$2,690,000</b> | <b>\$900,000</b> | <b>\$567,000</b> | <b>\$94,000</b> | <b>\$719,000</b> | <b>\$410,000</b> |

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| <b>GRAND TOTAL</b> |  |  |  | <b>\$3,544,000</b> | <b>\$990,000</b> | <b>\$629,000</b> | <b>\$108,000</b> | <b>\$903,000</b> | <b>\$914,000</b> |
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**NOTE:**

- (1) This action only approves the Fiscal Year 2015-16 budget amounts
- (2) City, Joint Powers Authority, or Governmental Agency
- (3) Private Transit Service Provider
- (4) This action amends final contract year for Fiscal Year 2015-16